Necessity for a bridge across the canal between Muthakunnam and Vadakkekara in Parur taluk.

7. **MR. A. G. MENON** (*Parur*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have received any representation from the people of Muthakunnam and other places in the Vadakkekara pakuthi, Parur taluk, about the urgent necessity for a bridge across the canal that divides Muthakunnam from the Vadakkekara mainland, and, if so, the action they have taken on it;

(*b*) whether they are aware that over seven hundred students of both sexes attend the three schools situated at Muthakunnam and whether a good many of these students, mostly between the ages of four and twelve, coming as they do from the mainland of Vadakkekara, experience great difficulties and dangers in crossing the canal especially in the rainy season; and

(*c*) whether, in view of the facts mentioned in part (*b*), they will consider the question of the early construction of the bridge?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes, in May 1927. It was forwarded to the Chief Engineer for disposal.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) An estimate for the work has been called for and the question of the construction of the bridge will be considered after the estimate is received.

Construction of a cart-road from Alwaye to Kunammavu.

8. **MR. A. G. MENON** (*Parur*): Will the Government be pleased to state;

(*a*) (i) whether they have received any representation as to the necessity for constructing a cart-road from Alwaye *via* Kizhakke Kadungallur, Panayikulam, Mettanam, etc., to Kunammavu connecting it with the Parur-Varapuzha road running through that place; and

(ii) whether they have taken any action on it; and

(*b*) whether they are aware that the people of Kizhakke Kadungallur, Panayikulam, Muppattalam, Chirayam and other adjoining villages have no regular means of access to the Alwaye market and whether, in view of this fact, they will take up the construction of the said road a an early date?

MR T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) (i) and (ii) The Chief Engineer reports that he received a petition and forwarded it to the Division Officer, Kottayam, for report.

(*b*) The information is noted. The question of constructing the road will be considered after the receipt of the Division Officer's report.

Duty levied on Coir and Cocoanut husk.

9. **MR. A. G. MENON** (*Parur*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the total amount of duty obtained on coir and husk in 1102;

(*b*) whether they are aware that coir industry is the chief and, in many places, the only industry of the poor people of the

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